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SUBJECT: DR PRESS COVERAGE OF OAS/CECON MEETING

1. THE DOMINICAN PRESS HAS BEEN GIVING PROMINENT FRONT PAGE HEADLINES AND EXTENSIVE PHOTO AND NEWS COVERAGE TO THE VIII REGULAR MEETING OF THE OAS/SCCN BEING HELD THIS WEEK IN SANTO DOMINGO. THE SCCN MEETINGS HAVE BEEN UNIVERSALLY GREETED AS A NEW OPPORTUNITY TO DEBATE IN AN OPEN FORUM IMPORTANT TRADE PROBLEMS AMONG THE COUNTRIES OF THE AMERICAS.

2. REPORTING ON THE INAUGURAL SESSIONS (APRIL 25), THE PRESS WAS REplete WITH COVERAGE OF THE LATIN DELEGATES' SHARP ATTACKS ON ALLEGED US RISING PROTECTIONISM. EDITORIALS HIT PARTICULARLY HARD ON THE DETRIMENTAL EFFECTS THAT THE US SUGAR POLICY IS HAVING ON THE DR. THE DR IS PORTRAYED AS THE NATION MOST HARMED IN LATIN AMERICA. THE HIGHLY RESPECTED LISTIN DIARIO CALLED FOR MORE FORCEFUL PROTESTS INSIDE AND OUTSIDE SCCN, AND STATED THAT IT WAS IMPERATIVE FOR DOMINICANS "TO RAISE AN OUTCRY."

3. IN CONTRAST, THE TENOR OF REPORTING ON THE SECOND DAY HAS BEEN DECIDELY CONCILIATORY, ACCURATELY REFLECTING THE CHANGE IN UNCLASSIFIED

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ATMOSPHERE IN THE MEETING. HEADLINES IN LISTIN DIARIO ANNOUNCED THAT THE US "WOULD HELP FACILITATE SUGAR TRADE." ALL THE MORNING PAPERS GAVE PRIME COVERAGE TO THE US DELEGATION OFFER TO COOPERATE WITH THE LATIN NATIONS WITHIN THE CONTEXT OF THE INTERNATIONAL SUGAR AGREEMENT, AS WELL AS TO THE US REBUTTAL TO THE REST OF THE INAUGURAL BROADSIDE

4. THROUGHOUT THE WEEK THE PRESS HAS CAUTIONED ITS READERS NOT TO HOLD ANY ILLUSIONS FOR IMMEDIATE SOLUTIONS TO THE OUTSTANDING PROBLEMS WHICH WILL TAKE TIME TO RESOLVE. THE DR PRESS HAS TAKEN GREAT PRIDE IN THAT THE SCCN MEETINGS ARE BEING HELD IN THE NATION'S CAPITAL. EDITORIAL EMPHASIS HAS BEEN DIRECTED TO THE LEADING ROLE THAT THE DR IS PLAYING IN HOSTING THE CONFERENCE, AND TO THE DR'S PARTICIPATION IN THE STRUGGLE FOR A NEW ECONOMIC WORLD ORDER.

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